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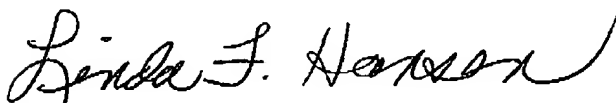
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing an appeal brief for five (5) month(s) from November 16, 2004 to April 16, 2005, for the purpose of filing an RCE.

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